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INSULTERS OF GOD

A Message to the Iowa Farmers Union

The red-coats are here again, this time accompanied by the red-hats, for political coercion is now supported by the vast apparatus of ecclesiasticism.

The enemies of Jeffersonian democracy have burrowed their way into the central strongholds of American political life and are moving swiftly into positions of control in its educational and cultural structure.

Boring with the sharp instrument of fear they have already demolished much of the foundation of the American edifice. On its ruins they will erect their version of a clerical-fascist dictatorship.

This may have a new look, but it will be the same old obscenity which lately spread over Europe, except that its tinsel will be more glittering and its parades will be Hollywood instead of Nuremberg.

It will mean the end of what progress men have made in the past 400 years, if not indeed 400,000 years!

If there could have been any doubt about this prospect in the days of Dies and Coughlin, that doubt has departed with the advent of Velde and McCarthy.

This "thing" spreads its slimy coils over every area of life. The achievements of science are subverted to destroy the freedom in which it has developed. The roots of free religion are cut. The windows of education are walled up. The eyes of justice are fixed on interest and profit. The word of the war monger is the law and the gospel. And behind and beneath all this the entire economy is being raked into fewer and fewer hands, so that each day more and more people are working directly or indirectly for the industrial octopus. How is this done? In America? We saw it happen in Europe. We said it couldn't happen here. It is happening here today. As you sit in your conferences the enemy sits with you. He probes your weak points. He is everywhere. How did it happen? How does it happen?

First the fear of progress is established. This fear becomes the climate, the air we breathe, the premise of all we do or say or think. For those who doubt the premise, first bribery. If bribery doesn't work, ostracism. But it does work.

Professors in colleges, preachers in city churches, movie actors in Hollywood, company farmers, businessmen, soldiers, government workers, even trade union leadership, all have given hostages to fortune. The fabric of their lives is woven so tightly into the web of this developing fascism that to fight it is to risk unemployment, to involve their dear ones in danger of having the pattern and substance of their lives destroyed. Few escape this web. As this is written the postman brings a letter from a minister who is on the advisory board of this journal. He sends a financial contribution, a large one for a country parson, but asks to have his name removed from the masthead. Here is what he says:

"If I had but to consider myself, this would not be necessary, but with others who look to me for support, it is necessary that I do not imperil them....Our liberty has indeed been taken from us by those who owe a superior allegiance to a foreign potentate. I can but pray God that our people may soon awaken to their danger. May He keep you safe and grant us relief from those who would enslave us."

Few areas are left on this continent where the web does not yet entirely obscure the old decencies, where the ancient loyalties to truth and honor still claim allegiance. Among these the magnificent fight of the Iowa Farmers Union for the survival of the family farm in the very heart of America stands out as a shining light.

Those who are using the present administration for the biggest highway robbery of all time clearly intend that agriculture is to be industrialized and integrated with their cartel economy. Cartel agriculture is feudal agriculture. The robber barons of the cities will become the land barons of the dark ages reborn with castles, cadillacs and aeroplanes.

I understand that at a certain meeting a farmer interrupted Secretary Benson's opening prayer with the remark "Parity is better than piety." I would amend this remark and say parity is piety. Parity is the only piety. Piety without parity is not piety at all. It is a mockery of piety. And God is stone deaf to its prayers. To say that parity is better than true piety is to say that God is indifferent or opposed to parity. But the truth is that God, in a very real sense of the word, is parity. For parity is only justice. And certainly God is justice.

The farmer meant well. But we are all too ready to allow God's enemy to operate in His name. That has been the great mistake with those who rebel against injustice. Because the powers that be insult God by invoking His blessing on their misdeeds is no reason for us to compound the insult by admitting for one instant that God is on their side. He isn't. He is suffering and sweating and bleeding with their victims.

Fred Stover knows this. He has not permitted the ancient landmarks of truth to be moved. In these days, when so much of our leadership on this continent tries to be smar and frequently outsmarts itself, it is refreshing to find a man like this, an upright man who can indeed truly give us the straight of things because he is straight himself.

How easily the world would breathe could a man like Stover receive the confidence of the American majority as its president, how certainly could we then look forward to peace and growing prosperity throughout the world!

The historic battle in which you are engaged should be recognized as paramount in the general civil struggle against domestic fascism and its policy of cultural repression, economic retraction, and foreign imperialism.

Your position is pivotal. If it can be kept clear, if it can be extended, here is a solid ground from which to deliver such blows as are necessary to sweep the foul obscenity of organized greed from the soil of this continent.

CHALLENGE TO LABOR

We are told by commentators who curry favor with both capital and our now nearly 100% "capitalized" labor that big things are happening in West Germany, that in fact a quiet revolution is going on there in which labor in the basic industries of coal and steel has equal rights with ownership.

However, when looked at closely, the revolution turns out to be quite the opposite, unless one can speak of fascism as a revolution. The arrangement, first instituted in West Germany by Attlee's Labor Government, calls for a board of management made up of 5 owners, 5 union workers and (here is the catch) an eleventh man who holds the balance of power. He is appointed by the state, unless the workers and owners agree on him without state intervention. The board runs the job but does not allocate the profits. These go to the stockholders.

Anyone acquainted with recent European history will recognize these boards as the equivalents of the fascist "corporations". The great advantage of such an arrangement is that it stabilizes production and freezes it in a mold acceptable to the stockholders. What labor gets out of the arrangement is machinery to keep them working and a mouthful of syllables, "co-determinism". The lamb lies down with the lion. Inside the lion.

We are reminded of a recent essay by John Strachey in the New Statesman and Nation in which Strachey re-visits Marxism and concludes that Marx was wrong in prophesying that workers could never improve their lot under capitalism, but would fall into more and more misery.

Marx, he says, hadn't foreseen the effects of political action by the workers in lessening at least to some extent the misery into which they would have fallen had capitalism been permitted to behave as it liked. Marx was right in his economic analysis of capitalism but wrong in underestimating the economic consequences of trade union and political pressure in a democracy, Strachey emphasizes, in modifying the basic tendencies of the system. And Strachey adds that this political error of Marx is being repeated every day by contemporary Communists.

What Marx predicted, repeats Strachey, has not come to pass. "How could it, when ne of his basic predicates, the inability of the mass of the population to obtain their nare in the ever growing national product, has proved wholly mistaken."

He compares this political pressure to the pressure of air against an aeroplane's ings and propellers, keeping it aloft and flying through the air.

It seems an unfortunate metaphor, for what he is proving is that capitalism would ng since have crashed to destruction had it not been for the Labor Party and its polit-al pressure. He admits with Marx that capitalism's "innate tendency" is towards sui-de, and asks "will the present degree of counter-capitalist pressure (he might much ore correctly call it counter-revolutionary pro-capitalist pressure), even if it is main-ined, suffice to keep the innately self-destructive tendencies of the system at bay?"

Strachey wonders whether the wages of the non-owning masses can be pushed up nough, soon enough, to buy back the product their work will produce in these days of wiftly rising productivity (especially in the USA).

Here we have a top theorist of the British Labor Party, the same Labor Party that oncocted "co-determinism" for Germany, plaintively wondering if the non-owners in Vestern capitalist countries can force the owners to give up just enough of their profits o keep themselves in the business of making more profits.

Strachey too appears to want the labor lamb to lie quietly in the capitalist lion's tomach so that his digestion will not be disturbed. The main thing to be desired is uiet. Above all the lion must be preserved from his innate tendency towards suicide.

But, Strachey and the German co-determinists and their American counterparts nay ask, doesn't labor eat better today than in Marx's day? Through democratic proc-sses, union activity, the vote, etc., hasn't labor improved its lot? On the surface this ppears to be so. However, in the first place, if we look closely at how labor has "im-roved" its lot we shall find much of this how to lie quite outside what are generally ecognized as democratic processes and some of it to fall into the category of violent lass war. In the second place, to feed the worker in order the better to drug his mind nd enslave his soul in preparation for atomic death can scarcely be called improvement f his lot. A diet of cornflakes, funnies, baseball, or of beer and greyhound racing, all hese "amenities" have produced a working class which votes for a Truman or an Attlee nd the war that keeps them employed. Yes, and they like it so much they go right on nd vote for an Eisenhower and a Churchill. Such a worker the capitalist will never have o shoot. He has lead in his head right now.

Or, I should say, in his heart. He knows better. He knows that his economy, his employment, is geared to war. And he thinks he knows his bosses will always look after im so long as he looks the other way, says nothing, keeps chewing cornflakes, and con-ines his interest to sports. In plain words he has shed his manhood. This is just as rue of the CIO as of the AFL, barring a few exceptions.

This American or Canadian worker, no less than the American or Canadian bus-nessman and farmer, again barring exceptions which do not change the basic picture, cares little or nothing even for his own welfare or that of his family. He knows this velfare of his is tied in tight with world peace and world trade and world welfare. But his heart is fat. He cannot rise out of the groove of death in which his existence is caught.

As we have said countless times the disease of the Canadian and American citizen, especially the worker, is a disease of the moral backbone. This disease has progressed so far that a vast army of our workers have reached the place where they are ripe for fascism. As tools of fascism they know they will be thoroughly well looked after. Other sections of labor, unskilled workers, marginal farmers, and "uncooperative" unions, will be wiped out.

What can dynamite us out of this groove of death? Only a challenge to the whole man, to his lost manhood, that he may come back to himself.

Such a challenge issuing out of the situation in which we find ourselves must be put into sharp words by those whose imaginations are still lively enough to see this situation. These words must be used as a kind of spiritual trumpet-call to rouse the manhood of our people to resurrection. It is necessary never to stop hammering on

the economic logic of the situation. But something more than that is needed: the trumpe call to man to be himself, to begin being himself.

Economic change is the trigger, or, if you like, the charge which propels men from old ways of life. It also sets limits to the distance they may go. But the direction they take depends on their aim, on what kind of beings they think they are or ought to be. Economic change brought about by the growth of scientific knowledge has been the occasion of human progress up to the present era. But accompanying this change heretofore there has always been a conception of what was meant by progress, a dream in the hearts of men, bequeathed to them by prophet and poet and kept alive among them in parable and song and in the sermons of rebel priests.

To describe it as briefly as possible, this conception meant that each human being is an end in himself and must be treated as such and never as a mere means to some other end. It also meant that each person was a focal point in a world of persons and things, affectionately related to all other persons and to all of nature in a creative give-and-take relationship. This was expressed in biblical terms because it was out of the Bible that the conception came.

This in turn meant a search for what we may call the good society, a society in which such a conception could be at home. To this society a man would give of his best effort and from it he would take what he needed up to the point where others would be deprived. Love bound this society in unbreakable bonds. Work was the expression of love, which overflowed the limits of humanity and embraced the fields, the air, the whole universe. The work of science is the expression of this latter love, as also is all other work undertaken wholeheartedly and in a give-and-take manner.

The tragedy of our later capitalism, making it in some ways more degrading even than feudalism has been the removal of men from a living relationship to their work. We have noticed this with respect to the machine but have not noticed it with respect to the trade union movement which has been concentrated on quantitative achievements: more pay, less work, and has robbed the worker of his birthright, the beauty of work. Trade unionists who ridicule this, have been infected with the disease of commercialism. Remember that trade unionism is a capitalist movement. Is this not proved by the cowardly acquiescence of our labor unions in the Korean war?

It is this very consideration that brings us to the conclusion: it is not mathematically inevitable that progress towards the good society will continue with the further growth of science and its attendant possibilities of economic change. It is at least conceivable that science may be coralled and harnessed in the service of a new fascism. This new fascism may turn science against itself and use it for the very purposes of obscurantism, exactly as it has turned religion against itself and used it for the purposes of obscurantism.

Just as the feudal ecclesiasts tried to keep the Bible from the people because the Bible spoke clearly to the people and was subversive of feudalism, so the new feudalism is today endeavoring in various ways to get a proprietary interest in science through control of educational institutions, sponsoring all kinds of "scientific" confusion and mystification, subsidizing superstition of every possible description. In this connection we may note the mushroom growth of astrology, spiritism, fantastic "scientific" and "psychological" cults, as well as the various escapist sects, plus the new vested interest in the conventionally respectable churches by cartel members. We may note too how alcohol, sex, sport, speed, violence, are being blown up into veritable religions. All this and more is being done so that the conception of the good society may be extinguished from the human heart.

The attics of history are being ransacked to bring out all the rags and tatters and tinsel that have ever captivated and led astray the human mind. These are decked out in pseudo-scientific language to impress the readers of "science" fiction. Tunes and symbols once dedicated to man's forward march are re-fitted for man's retreat.

The trade unionists have gone right along with all this. Abandoning the conception, they have delivered themselves into the hands of its enemy. For it was this conception which differentiated men from machines. It was this conception which past

ulers of church and state failed to stamp out but are now in a fair way to stamp out. It as this conception that conceived and gave birth to revolution. Of course, without the ccasion, the scientific growth, the economic development, the technological change, this onception would have died a-borning. Many revolutions did so die—or were wiped out.)thers emerged as partial revolutions, bourgeois revolutions, none of which measured p fully to the conception but all of which marked an advance over what had gone before. nd the conception stayed in the hearts of men and yeasted there until new developments, cientific, economic, technological, furnished the occasion for another advance, another irth. It is the conception the enemy is determined to wipe out. Thank God there are igns that the socialist countries are beginning to recognize this, are beginning to ack- owledge their legacy from the past and to claim for themselves the conception which is ightfully theirs.

This is seen clearly in Czechoslovakia, for instance, where the conception of the Hussites has been revived and saluted. The Hussite anti-feudal revolution spread widely hrough Europe before it was extinguished by the papal-bourgeois alliance. Its memory emained vital in the Czech soul, until today it flowers in a new life which, although es- corted through the gates of birth by a Marxist midwife, bids fair to carry forward into eality the original Hussite conception. Hussitism is historic refutation of the notion that eligion is narcotic. It is because religion is so subversive of any anti-human or anti- lemocratic status quo, so entirely opposite to narcotic that the vested interests of the status quo organize it into vast systems of education and propaganda which dampen and lull and turn aside its message.

The enemy of man, the enemy of love and work, which alone make men human, or- ganizes every good into an instrument of his destructive passion. It is not surprising hat he organizes work and the worker into such an instrument. Let the champion of man ake this into account when thinking about religion. Let him hurl back the challenge his enemy has thrown! Let him shout aloud that the stars in their courses are on his side of he battle! Let him walk back through the roads of history and clasp and claim those prophets and seers who spoke for him! Let him loudly and publicly wrest these voices rom those who prostitute them! Let him proudly proclaim them for his own.

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LETTERS

If I had the time and the money I'd send a copy of your Sept. issue to every Meth- odist minister I know and bishops too. I am a Methodist and I've long regretted that our bishops are chosen for other qualities than their Christian convictions. Being the daught- er of a foreign missionary I've known a lot of bishops, and I think it's time we (not McCarthy) cleaned our church of ambitious, position seeking worldly ministers. Think of a minister of Christ bragging that he had held high military positions. —A.M.

I received the August issue of your journal and thank you for all the issues re- ceived, and particularly for this paper. ONE is to me a source of Power, because it draws its pure water from the everlasting spring which flows through the ages in a straight direction. It refuses to side-track, or to flow underground, or to split into petty streams in order to avoid obstacles and road blocks—to dabble along in sweetness and comfort. Thus ONE maintains, at a time when the continuance of this world is un- certain, the connection of man to Eternity. —A.H.

Bishop Oxnam is a disgrace to his church. But I was not surprised. I've met them while in practice. Very undependable, once they get above the 'Rev.' Must save No. 1 at any cost. —F.F.

The Sept. issue came: a splendid number. You are too charitable to Oxnam, though....Mr. Brewer's article, too, is very able. Is he a practicing attorney? —L.H. (He is a practicing member of the New York bar. —Ed.)

CLARIFYING THE NEWS

By Louise Harding

Your Tax Dollar and Adenauer's Election:

The German American, New York, (Sept. 1) quotes a conservative Munich weekly, Deutsche Woche, in its issue of April 29, 1953, which reports about the election funds of the Christian Democratic Union, over which "Adenauer has secured himself the sole right disposal." According to the paper, these funds consist of the following contributions:

(1) From banks and industrial enterprises.....8 million German marks
(2) From funds of the Catholic Church.....1.5 " " "
(3) From election funds of the federal govt. .....2 " " "
(4) From US High Commission sources..... 6 " " "

The German American also quotes an expose of the recent "free" election in Western Germany, by the Working Committee of Democratic Jurists of Western Germany with headquarters in Duesseldorf. This body, in a brief released Aug 16, lists the violations committed by the Adenauer government against Article 38 of the Bonn constitution, granting general, direct, free, equal and secret elections. It makes these points:

(1) A ruling, lately declared unconstitutional by the Federal Constitution Court, required new parties to furnish petitions with 500 signatures in every election district.

(2) Another such regulation, still on the books, bars all parties receiving less than 5% of the total vote, from parliament. This disqualifies strong regional parties.

(3) Interference by police—banning of meetings, disbanding of meetings, interference with freedom of the press, arrest of campaigners and confiscation of election material. Opposition parties denied the use of public facilities such as halls; unfair allotment of radio time, etc. (these latter sound familiar in "free" USA—LH).

Use of fascist elements. "These elements do not hesitate to use violence and are abetted by the police, who take no measures to stop their activities. Particularly active among these terror groups are members of the notorious BDJ, the German Youth League. Chorus: "In the good old Hitlertime"!

Your scribe noted that when numerous persons crossing the border from East Germany—being naturally interested in an election that would bear so strongly on the reuniting of their country—were thrown into jail, the US press charged that they intended to disrupt the election with force. However, it seems that all they were armed with, so far as revealed, was election material.

Wall St. Journal (9/14) has an article by Joseph E. Evans, in part as follows:

> The moribund European army plan's sudden turn for the better last week aggravates a dilemma confronting US policy.
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> The dilemma is this: If the US insists on the European Army, which was given a sizable shot in the arm by German Chancellor Adenauer's election victory, it almost certainly cannot achieve the unification of Germany. If the US vigorously pursues the unification of Germany, there almost certainly will be no European Army. Right now, both are goals of US policy.....The Administration professes to believe that a West Germany strengthened by incorporation of its troops into a European Army will prove an irresistible attraction to East Germany, making unification possible.
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> This unfortunately collides head-on with the fact that the Soviets run East Germany, and the one thing they are least likely to do is join their half of the divided land with a West Germany whose troops were merged in an anti-Soviet defensive alliance. So, the dilemma, admitted or not in Washington, actually exists.

The writer argues that perhaps a strong European army is the more important objective, but that it's debatable how long we could hold the Germans with a non-unification policy.

In the opinion of your scribe, there is no such contradiction as indicated above.

Eisenhower is hand in glove with Adenauer. He also follows the policy of Dulles, who frankly announced adherence to the Jakob Kaiser policy of "rolling Russia back" far to the east. This means war. As in Korea (where US is formally allied with Rhee Syngman), unification by force is contemplated.

The observation by the WSJ writer that it is questionable how long the Germans (German army) could be held with a non-unification policy, is sensible in view of the fact that the officers selected for the German armed forces are "former" Nazis. McCloy considerably reduced the terms of 36 convicted war criminals, Jan. 31, 1951, and 32 were immediately released without finishing their sentences. (Before this, in Dec. 1949, 60 war criminals sentenced at Nuremberg were released.)

The East German White Book (p. 141) says:

> According to a report in the "Wiesbadener Kurier, Nov. 2, 1950, Paget (Reginald Paget, Labour MP) had demanded a rehabilitation of the former German Wehrmacht in the House of Commons. German soldiers who had been sentenced because of war crimes should be released so that "the right Germans join the Western defence forces", he said. In July 1950, Lord Hankey, who during the war had been a member of the British war cabinet, called for an immediate amnesty for German and Japanese war criminals. He said: "If we want to defeat the present danger of Communism we must bury all our differences and strive for friendship with our former enemies." (Bornermann-Dienst, Duesseldorf, July 1950).

This is the "let by-gones be by-gones" policy declared by Eisenhower. How little excuse there is for it (there has never been shown any valid reason why Russia should want to attack USA by arms, and the highest military opinion has said it is impossible) is illustrated by another remark of Jos. E. Evans, in the WSJ cited above:

"German rearmament seems to many in Europe and even in this country much less urgent; the likelihood of Soviet attack in Europe looks remote, and there is a cease-fire in Korea."

As to the character of the German cartelists who joined USA in financing the West German "free" election just past, Senator Kilgore said:

"The facts show that these industrialists undoubtedly shared the guilt in the crimes committed by the National Socialists against the peoples of the earth in their greed for world power." (In Allgemeine Zeitung, organ of the US occupation forces, Berlin, Oct. 12, 1945.)

In Sept. 1945, Senator Thomas, chairman Military Affairs Committee, US Senate, said (Reader's Scope, under the title, "Anti-Bolshevism—the Greatest Lie of All"):

"Americans must remember the frightful slogan under which Dachau flourished, the slogan expressing the greatest lie of all time, namely, that it was all being done to save the world from Bolshevism. Americans who have been shocked by the concentration camps must note that the German industrial and financial bosses provided money to create this regime of terror based on the anti-Bolshevist lie....."

The Pot is Backed by the Kettle:

At the Democratic party rally in Chicago, recently, Harry Truman was introduced by a quotation from Richard Nixon who said that the Korean war was necessary in order to "stop Communist aggression". Now we have it on the word of Nixon and Truman that the forces of the North started the war. That settles that, of course! Nixon, who got into the Senate with the backing of the China Lobby, is perfectly impartial, we need not doubt; and Truman, the friend and protege of a notorious Kansas City gangster ("He was my friend, and I was his"), is thoroughly reliable.

The New Statesman and Nation says (Aug. 29) that the Russians declare Rhee is the real criminal who started the Korean war and that delegates (to UN) are now more inclined to listen to this thesis as the result of Syngman Rhee's present provocations.

A great many persons in the United States—including the powerful Farmers' Union of Iowa—have always viewed with strong suspicion the totally-unproven statement that the North did the "invading" (of their own country). There is absolutely no shred of proof except the statement of Syngman Rhee.

Latvia Bases:

On Aug. 16, an AP item quotes the magazine Aviation Age as saying that Soviet Russia has built a chain of launching bases for guided missiles, extending from Finland to the Black Sea and from Archangel to Northeastern Siberia. The technical aviation publication said some of the most important bases are in the Riga area of the former Baltic state of Latvia.

This item recalls the Privateer incident. On April 8, 1950, this plane was shot down off the coast of Latvia. This was not reported in the US press until April 11, the Russians having taken the initiative in complaining. They reported the plane was 13 miles over their territory, in Latvia; that it was signaled to stop, but instead turned and flew out into the Baltic. US anonymous "authorities" and "sources" claimed that the plane could not have been near Latvia—that it had been ordered on a course from Wiesbaden to Copenhagen, and Latvia would have been 300 miles off that course. The plane was on a "routine training flight," said the anonymous ones. The reason why their names could not be furnished was not announced.

On April 16 the New Orleans Times Picayune carried an interview with the wife of pilot Seeschaff of the missing plane: he had lately written her that he was about to go on a "secret mission", and was "all excited" about it. Several naval officers called on Mrs. Seeschaf, who then expressed regret that perhaps she had revealed something that she should not have spoken of. Nothing more was ever heard from Mrs. S.

April 23, some light was thrown on the matter by a report in the San Francisco Chronicle. It mentioned that Pravda had referred to an article in the Christian Science Monitor, quoting Joseph C. Harsch and Neal Stanford, both of the Monitor. Stanford said the plane "carried an unusually large crew of 10 men, including experts in electronics, destined, (as had been claimed) for Copenhagen, but only as the last leg of a triangular course: and that a "triangular course" in the Baltic beginning over the vicinity of Luebeck and ending at Copenhagen inevitably would involve a reconnaissance of some sort along the part of the Baltic coast held by the Soviet Army. The plane observed radio silence from the time it crossed the German coast and went over the Baltic. It reported this crossing, but made no contact from that moment.

Harsch said in a Washington dispatch to the Monitor:

".....The reasons we have for being interested in Russian military activities in the Baltic area are presumptive evidence that the American Navy Privateer which disappeared in the Baltic was engaged in reconnaissance work of some sort. Government officials neither confirm nor deny that this is the case."

April 13, a UP dispatch from Copenhagen said:

"Danish sources suggested that only the anti-Communist underground in Latvia could supply the real story of what happened to the Privateer and its crew of 10."

Wreckage from the plane was found in the Baltic not far from the island of Gotland: a strong NE wind had been blowing for a week.

Sometime in March, your reporter had noted a press dispatch stating that US now has special apparatus for photographing from the air at much greater heights than heretofore. Pravda said that American papers had carried items on their back pages, admitting that the Privateer type of plane carries special photographic apparatus.

May 9, Drew Pearson said that "most of the facts are now known to the Russians," and we might as well be told them at home. Pearson said the plane left Port Lyautay in Morocco "equipped with high-powered radar and electronics equipment capable of watching Russian amphibian maneuvers and the flight of Russian rockets over the Russians' most secret rocket-testing ground—the Baltic." This plane, he said, flew from Morocco to Wiesbaden, then to the Baltic and was about 30 miles off the Latvian coast headed toward the secret Russian naval base at Libau when four Russian fighter planes came into sight and ordered it to land.....(the Russians said it was 13 mi. over Latvia.)

On May 4, undersecretary of the Navy, Kimball, claimed that the United States had already been attacked by "major forces of arms," but cited nothing that could possibly

e construed as supporting such a statement, except the Privateer incident. Two days efore the incident, Gen. Ira C. Eaker, airman, said in a speech to be delivered before he San Francisco Commonwealth Club, and released to San Mateo Times, that "Russia IAS declared war."

It was perfectly obvious that we have been lied to concerning the course of the Privateer and her mission.

The incident had consequences. Ray Tucker, of McClure Syndicate, wrote from Vashington, May 1:

"The fiery verbal exchanges between this capital and Moscow in recent days have ed numerous readers, especially ex-GI's, to ask what sort of draft system would be et up for a possible World War III.....The Vinson bill providing for permanent se- ective service is merely a grant of blanket authority authorizing registration, trans- ortation and preservation of records.....(The Russians') brutal and churlish conduct has o affected Capitol Hill sentiment that enactment is now forecast before adjournment."

They disliked spying on their rocket bases: US of course would not object to hav- ng its bases inspected.

C.D. Jackson, then of Henry Luce's Fortune magazine, now trusted adviser to Eisenhower, said around this time (L.A. Daily News) that he was "frankly doubtful that Russia could be provoked into a war." If Russia won't start it, he felt, then we should, 'the consideration should be, can the mission be safely accomplished?"

Pondering all the foregoing and other items collected at the time, your reporter remembered one A. Hitler, who started war on Poland on a false pretext, saying that he victor's story of the beginning of a conflict would not be questioned. It seemed highly probable that USA was about to embark on a similar course. Hence, when Harry Truman put this country into the Korean conflict on the bare word of Syngman Rhee—in conflict with all the probabilities—this writer promptly remembered the case of the Privateer. When documentary evidence turned up in mass, showing that Rhee did begin the war: when that evidence was never contradicted by the Rhee "government", and when it was buried without comment by the "United" Nations; when the "Security Council" refused to hear witnesses from the North, although the Charter compelled them to listen—the mind of your scribe was firmly made up, and there has never been found any occasion to change.

We were lied to about the Privateer; and we were lied to about the Korean war—that "police incident" now openly alluded to as a WAR, and which was absolutely illegal, being declared without consent by Congress. Former Senator Taft was correct when he said: "Truman went ahead in Korea without the United Nations. He dragged the United Nations along."

We Heard You The First Time, Schwable!

We now learn that this officer went about in Manchuria, visiting prisoners' camps and telling them about Germ Warfare.

In his depositions, he said:

".....as the General (Jerome) pointed out, if the government chose to deny its (germ warfare's) use, we in the military had no choice other than to do our best to try to maintain this fiction."

"Every means possible was taken to mislead the enemy and to deny knowledge of these operations to our own personnel."

"General Jerome further directed that only a very limited number of pilots in the operating units were to be involved.....The point was emphasized: 'Forget it in Korea whenever you can, and when you go home, you never heard of it.'"

Now he denies everything, but—We heard you the first time, Schwable!

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